

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2006-05**

### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEDONA, ARIZONA, MODIFYING THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR ONE CITY COUNCIL SEAT FOR THE 2008 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION.**

*WHEREAS*, the City of Sedona ("City") has by ordinance adopted four-year staggered terms for council members pursuant to ARS 9-232.02, and

*WHEREAS*, the City by Ordinance 2002-11 and subsequent public vote on March 9, 2004, approved direct election of mayor for a two-year term under ARS 9-232.03, beginning with the March 2006 primary elections, and

*WHEREAS*, as a result of the transition from a council-elected mayor to the direct election of mayor in 2006, an imbalance in the staggered terms of council members occurred whereby in the 2008 election four council members would be elected and in 2010, only two council members would be elected, and

*WHEREAS*, in order to create a more balanced and equitable election process for City Council seats, and continuity in the conduct of municipal business, as envisioned in ARS 9-232.02, it is necessary to make a one-time adjustment in the term of one council seat, thereby resulting in elections occurring for three council seats every two years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEDONA, ARIZONA:

#### Section 1: Modification of term of Office for One Council Seat:

That the City election in 2008 for members of the City Council shall be called for the election of mayor, a two year term, three council seats consisting of a four-year term, and one council seat consisting of a two-year term. Thereafter, beginning with the election of 2010 and commencing every two years thereafter, the election will be held for the position of mayor with a two-year term, and three council seats with a four-year term.

#### Section 2: Savings Clause

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

#### Section 3: Repeal

All other procedural rules or policies found to be in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as of the effective date hereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sedona,  
Arizona this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006.

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Susan Solomon, Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney